

Attorney Docket No. 2002B171/2

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-61 are before the Examiner. Claim 1-37 have been withdrawn.

Election/Restriction

The Office Action restricts the claims of the pending Application to the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-37, drawn to a polymerization process; and
- II. Claims 38-61, drawn to a polymer.

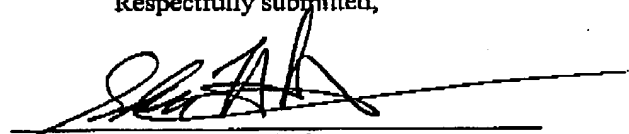
Group II is provisionally elected with traverse. The restriction requirement is submitted to be improper because restriction of the claims will lead to duplicative searching and prosecution. Withdrawal of the restriction of Group I (claims 1-37) and Group II (claims 38-61) is respectfully requested.

As provided in MPEP §821.04, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to rejoin non-elected claims in Group I (claims 1-37).

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully solicit a prompt notice of allowance. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,



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